

**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****ITEM # 7****FEBRUARY 2003 AGENDA**

SUBJECT Request by the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) Summit Academy Petitioners to Approve a Petition to Become a Charter School Under the Oversight of the State Board of Education.	X	ACTION
	X	INFORMATION
	X	PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation:

The California Department of Education (CDE) will provide a complete analysis to the State Board of Education (SBE) with the supplemental mailing.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

SBE Authority to Grant Charters: Pursuant to *Education Code* Section 47605(j), as of January 1, 1999, a charter school that has been denied approval by a local chartering entity may petition the SBE to approve the charter.

Previous Requests: Since January 1999, the SBE has reviewed several charter petitions that had been denied at the local level and has to date approved six such requests. At its December 2000 meeting, the SBE approved two charter schools: the Oakland Military Institute in Alameda County and the Ridgecrest Charter School in Kern County. These two charter schools opened at the beginning of the 2001-02 school year under oversight of the SBE. In July 2001, the SBE approved the renewal of the Edison Charter Academy in San Francisco, which had previously been denied renewal by the district. At its December 2001 meeting, the SBE approved the New West Charter Middle School and the Animo Inglewood Charter High School, both of which are located in Los Angeles County. In September 2002, the SBE approved the School of Arts and Enterprise, also located in Los Angeles County.

Oversight of Charter Schools by the SBE: At the request of the SBE, CDE staff presented an issue paper at its May 2000 meeting that outlined a comprehensive proposal for the review, approval and oversight of previously denied charters. The issue paper proposed that the SBE adopt regulations that define a process for the review of a charter petition that has been denied locally. Regulations were developed and approved by the SBE at its December 2001 meeting and are currently in use.

At its October 2001 meeting, the SBE also established an Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) and charged it with a number of responsibilities, including advising the SBE on charter petitions that have been denied at the local level.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

On December 20, 2002, the CDE received a request from the petitioners of the KIPP Summit Academy to authorize a charter school proposed to be located in the City of San Lorenzo in Alameda County. The petition to establish the charter school was denied by the San Lorenzo Unified School District on November 19, 2002. The ACCS will review this petition and hear testimony from the petitioners at its January 21, 2003 meeting, at which time the ACCS is expected to make a recommendation on this petition.

This item will provide for a public hearing on this charter proposal. According to *Education Code* Section 47605(b), at the public hearing, the SBE "shall consider the level of support for the petition by teachers

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employed by the district, other employees of the district and parents.”

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

Information will be provided as necessary in the supplemental mailing.

Attachment(s) to this Agenda Item

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